



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Present: Larry Aaronson, William Brockett, Denise Brockington, Frank Chandler, Lesley Flaim, Andrew Hall Sr., Eileen Harrity, Jeff Kulik, Adia Moore, Stephen Pidliskey, Timothy Pierce, Dr. Lewis Saunders, Raghid Shourbaji, Susan Watkins, Camela Williams, Nollie Wood Jr, Chief Gary Gardner.

Absent/Excused: Janet Bahouth, Vivian Bailey, Thomas C. Beach III, Larry Buehler, Sandy Cederbaum, Brittany Geger, Linda Lee Hickerson, Peter Newman, Lt. Tanya Riffle, Lorna Rudnikas

Guests: Cynthia Peltzman, Office of Law

Chairperson – Andrew Hall Sr.

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting was being recorded.
- March meeting was canceled due to weather conditions.
- February minutes approved as distributed.
- Old business
 - Mapping of the council members on the Howard County map to show the area where current members represent and where more representation is needed.
 - Marketing to diversify the council and look for more space
 - Open Meetings Act training completed by 5 members.
 - Bylaws will be reviewed and updated led by Susan Watkins and Lesley Flaim, more members requested for a work group
 - Steve Pidliskey received the Volenick Service Award for 2017 for his years of service. Thank you to all members who attended the Awards Ceremony on April 5th.
 - CALEA Accreditation was this past week, good representation was provided from citizens of the county to speak with the assessors.
- **Closed Meeting 7:43 pm to 8:23 pm** -Majority vote to close the meeting to review the Open Meetings Act with legal council Attorney Cynthia Peltzman.

Chief's Report – Chief Gary Gardner

- Thanked all the members who came to the Annual Awards Ceremony on April 5th.
- Coffee with a Cop schedule
 - May 12, 10:00am-1:00pm @ Roger Carter Center, 3000 Milltowne Dr, Ellicott City
 - June 6, 3:00pm -5:00pm @ Starbucks, 5400 Lynx Ln, Wilde Lake
 - July 2, 11:00am -1:00pm @ Panera Bread, 6435 Dobbin Rd, Dobbin Center
 - August 4, 9:00am-11:00am @ Baltimore Tea and Coffee @ Coca-Cola Drive
 - September – TBA
 - October 5, 11:00am-1:00pm Elkridge Senior Center 6540 Washington Boulevard
 - November 1, 9:00am-11:00am @ McDonald's @ 8600 Guilford Rd



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➤ **Events**

- On March 25th Chief Gardner and other HCPD members participated in the second annual FIRN 5K race at Howard Community College.
- 2nd Annual Community Kickball Game is on April 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cradlerock Elementary School, 6700 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045
- The CALEA On-site Assessment went well.
- Body Worn Cameras-the report was delayed, a meeting is scheduled to review the report in the next 2 weeks.
- Matrix, a consultant company, was hired to study the beat realignment for the county and give recommendations once we have the third district. That report will be completed soon.
- Six officers will be retiring by the end of April. There are 2 lateral officers who are currently in field training and 16 officers in the academy and will be on the road at the end of the year following field training.
- Crimes rates are down in the county compared to last year.
- Overdoses - 14 deaths and 64 non-fatal overdoses since the beginning of 2018.
- School Safety
 - Officers will do foot patrols at elementary and middle schools during their regular patrols to get the layout of the different schools in case of an emergency.
 - The officers will only spend 5 to 15 minutes in the schools.
 - A bill called Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018 is being heard in the House.
 - There must be an SRO or some sort of adequate coverage for every school in each county.
 - Department of School Safety that works under the state of Maryland will be providing a training curriculum for SROs by September. There are currently no local standardized training programs.
 - Chief will be meeting with the Board of Education on Tuesday, April 24th to answer any questions they may have.
 - School threats – There have been 37 threats this year and each one is investigated.
 - Schools currently have private security in the high schools, in addition to the SROs.
- Questions about the hiring requirements for sworn officers in the department.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.